ACTION OUTLINED BY THE COMMISSION. The Brooklyn and County Towns' Censoliatten Commission held its second meeting in the Court-ouse at Brooklyn at 2 p. m. yesterday, the Hon. John Lott presiding. The following resolutions were affered by George C. Bennett, and occasioned a long

Resolved, That the members of this Cemmission, detring, as far as may be, to define and explain to the
people whom they represent the intent and zeneral
principles which shall govern their action in the discharge of the duties devolved upon them by the law of
the State, do hereby agree and declare that in any plan
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to defray the principal and interest of such existing indebtedness shall be levied and assessed accordingly; but
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whatsoever belonging to or to accrue to the towns and
present City of Brooklyn shall belong to and be vested
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and all responsibilities of either the towns or city in the
favor of the third parties shall be assumed and may be
consolidated.

Secondidy: That for the expense of establishing and

enforced against the City of Brooklyn as proposed to be consolidated.

Secondly: That for the expense of establishing and maintaining the Fire, Water, Police and Health Departments, the county towns shall not be chargeable, except to the extent that they shall determine to enjoy the benefite thereof.

Thirdly: That for purposes of taxation the property in the several towns shall be assessed as agricultural lands, except where the same has been or may be divided up and used as building lots.

Fourthly: That public highways in the county towns shall be maintained at the expense of said towns, except when otherwise provided by law, and except that when streets are opened or graded, paved, or macadamized, the expense thereof shall be assessed and collected as provided in relation to like improvements in the city.

Fifthly: That each town shall constitute a ward of the proposed consolidated city; the rates of representation in the Boards of Aldermen and Supervisors shall be as now provided for the wards of the City of Brooklyn. That except when the State Constitution in requires otherwise, the City and County Go

Tunis G. Bergen of the Town of New-Utrecht made a brief speech in opposition to the annexation of the county towns. He believed that the sole object desired by the city in asking for the consolidation was to lighten Its own heavy taxes: but he was convinced that this plan would fall and that consolidation would not benefit other the city or county towns in this respect.

A. B. Baylis of Brooklyn said that the consolidation ced, and could not be avoided, because of the great and increasing growth of the city, and the progress of the population toward and into the county The county towns lying contiguous to the city ed police protection, lighted streets, and protection from fires, because of their nearness to the city, and Freding that there might be other members of the Com mission who were absolutely opposed to annexation, he offered the following :

Resolve. That in the opinion of this Commission, the consolidation of the five county towns with the City of Brocklyn on a just and equitable basis is both desirable

but it was renewed immediately by Mr. Bergen as a substitute for Mr. Bennett's resolutions. The Chairman declared the resolution out of order and refused to

the adoption of Mr. Bennett's resolutions.

from New-Utreeht, Fintlands and Gravesend voting against them. Mr. Driggs then offered the following:

Resolved. That the following committees be appointed:

1. On the terms of consolidating the City of Brooklyn and the towns of Kings County, and the division of the territory therein mto wards. 2. On the Legislative Department. 3. On city officers, their election, appointment and duties. 4. On finance, including the subject and matters embraced in titles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the present charter of the City of Brooklyn. 5. On taxes and assessments, embracing the matters provided for in ent charter of the City of Brooklyn. 5. On taxes and assessments, embracing the matters provided for in title 10 of the said charter. 6. On police, excess, and public heatth. 7. On Fire Department, including the matters embraced in title 13 of said charter. 8. On City Works, including the matters embraced in title 14 of the charter. 9. On Public Parks. 10. On Street Openings and local improvements. 11. On Law, 12. On Public Instruction.

Resoired, That the committees on the terms of consolidation and the division of the city into wards consist of five members, and that the other committees each consist of three members.

The resolutions were adopted, and the Chanman stated session, which was fixed for Friday next. EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

The annual report of Superintendent Bulkley of the Breeklyn Department of Public Instruction will be presented to the Board of Education, at its next meeting. The report shows that the average attendance at the public schools is about 50,000, and the total regis school organizations in the city, most of which are well attended. The census of 1870 shows the number of children within the legal school age in the City of Brooklyn to be as follows:

Between the ages of 5 and 14, 85,842; between the ages It is estimated that since the census the number has

increased to 200,000 children between the ages of 5 and 21. According to the same census, it appears that New-York 169 554 popils, an average daily attendance of 92,335, and sittings for 99.437. Brooklyn, with a population of 329,600,

sittings for 26.437. Frooklyn, with a population of 329,600, had an average of 40.939 pupils, an attendance daily of 59.338, and sittenes for 46.134. The value of school property in New-York is 83,500,000; that in Brooklyn, \$1,386,114. The cost of tuition in New-York is \$11.75; in Brooklyn, \$40.18. In 1854 there were 32 schools, 399 teachers, and 18,357 pupils in Brooklyn, and in 1870 46 schools, 815 teachers, 29,380 pupils, and an average attendance of 36,353. The salaries of teachers and the rent of houses and building after in 1856 cost \$150,885 (2). In 1870 teachers were paid \$109,194 07, and the rent of school buildings and building after brought the total expense up to \$812,962 20.

AREEST OF FOLICY DEALERS. ARREST OF POLICY DEALERS.

The Brooklyn police are loud in their complaints against the District-Attorney and his assistant for their failure to institute proceedings on the indictments which have been found against the keepers of policy shops, and charge that it is on account of this laxness that the offenders continue their business without the slightest fear, although acting in defiance of law. Capt. Smith of the First Precinct, arrested a man named Miller for selling policy slips in Hicks-st., between Atlantic and State-sts., and accured his books and papers. When taken to the station-house he stated that When taken to the station-house he stated that he was only an agent for Frederick E. Luthey of New-York. Miller was taken before Police-Justice Waish and committed to await the action of the Grand Jury. Luthey was arrested by Detective Curran in Greenwich-st., New-York, and arraigned before Justice Waish yesferday, who held him in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. His bondsman was a policy dealer of the Eastern District, Patrick Hayes, Luthey was greatly astomshed at the action of the Justice, and evidently expected to be discharged. It only remains now for the District-Attorney to prosecute the case in Reptember.

THE STOKES WITNESSES DENIED LIBERTY. The Court of Over and Terminer was in session yesterday, and the question of liberating the witnesses in the Stokes case, now confined in the House of Detention, was argued before Judge Davis. John O. Mett appeared for Redmond and Thos. and Patrick Hart, employed at the time of the shooting in the Grand Central Hotel as hall-boys, and pleaded for their discharge on their own recognizances, stating that they had been confined ever since a year ago last January. Mr. Most said that after the first trial of Stokes, the bail for the three boys was fixed at \$1,000 each, and at the mination of the last trial at \$5,000, they being unable to furnish security. Judge Pratt denied a motion to discharge them on their own recognizance holding that they were properly detained under holding that they were properly detained under an order of the Oyer and Terminer Special Term. Mr. Mott new seked that the order should be modified, and argued that there was no authority to require securities or detain the witnesses, unless they refused to enter into their personal recognisance, or the magistrate was antisfied that they would not keep it. Counsel also argued that the manner in which these witnesses were areated would have a tendency in other cases to obstruct the administration of justice. What made the hardship will the greater on these young men was that they were

and, furthermore, that though be expressed no objecto the sureties given, he did not accept the bond, but lodged Field and Sargent in Ludlowsi. Jail. Sargent, among other matters, made the statement that when he and Field were brought before the Marshal, the latter teid him that "it was lucky for them that they were brought before him. They would suffer less than if they had been brought before any one else." McGrath dehad occupanying field and Sargent in their search for sureties.

The plaintiff's attorney expressed his determination to put a stop to the illegal extortions of which City Martoput a stop to the illegal extortions of which City Martoput as the past 15 or 20 years. The case will probably be brought before the Mayor to-day.

A LONG ISLAND RING. NEWTOWN UNDER A USURPING RECEIVER-GROSS IRREGULARITIES BROUGHT TO LIGHT-A REFORM

ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTED. In consequence of the alarm felt by the taxpayers of Newtown at the rapidly increasing rates of taxation, the citizens several months ago formed a Reform Committee of Seventy-one to defeat the fraudulent bills of the Justices, Constables, and others. The Committee has employed experts to investigate the town indebtedness, with the object of lessening the rate of taxation, preventing the fraudulent issue of town bonds, and securing the administration of the town affairs in the interest of the people rather than of a corrupt Ring.

It appears that a bill was offered in the Legislature of 1870 appointing Oliver Crooks Tax-Receiver for the period for which he had been elected Collector, one year, but that, before its passage, it was altered so as to give him the office for three years, thus depriving the people of the right of election. Legal steps were taken oust him from the office, but he resisted in every possible way till the opposition of citizens seemed of no further avail. The courts at last decided that his apcointment was unconstitutional, whether as Receiver of Collector. During the session of the last Legislature an act was passed providing for the election of a Receiver of Taxes for Newtown; and an election was held in April last, at which Joseph A. Lawrence and the usurping incumbent, Crooks, were candidates. Mr. Law rence's majority was about 400 out of 1,200 votes, and he began his duties on Aug. 1.

The County Treasurer has advertised about 4,000 lots n the town of Newtown to be sold to pay overdue taxes On many of the lots thus advertised the owners hold reelpts for the taxes, which they have already paid to Crooks and McGowan, a former collector, and much onsequent excitement exists. The Receiver is required by law to make final returns between Oct. 1 and Oct. 10, but Crooks failed to make his returns for 1872 till Jan. 28, 1873. By these returns taxes are reported as unpaid on a large amount of property, but receipted bills on this property are being continually presented to the present Receiver. Crooks paid to the County Treasurer, last week, about \$1,800, which should have been paid last For several years past the town has been paving from

\$15,000 to \$20,000 for work alleged to have been done or the highways; but the town has not received the value of more than ten per cent of these amounts. The criminal business of Newtown in 1869 cost \$39,000. In of more than ten per cent of these amounts. The criminal business of Newtown in 1859 cost \$33,000. In 1870 it cost \$24,000, and on appeal to the Board of Supervisors this amount was cut down to \$5,000. Through the efforts of the Committee of Seventy-ore, ex-Collectors Crooks and McGowan have paid over to the County Treasurer from \$5,000 to \$3,000 on property which they had returned to the Treasurer as unpaid. The system of auditing bills in the town is admitted to have been faulty—Justices auditing their own and the Constables' bills and it has not been until lately that a bill has passed the Legislature giving the people the power to appeal from the audit of the Justices' and constables' bills to the Board of Supervisors, the result of which has been a reduction of 60 per cent in the bills. The building of the Blissville read, the laying out of the lines of Newtown Creek, the construction of Thompsonave, and Hoffman Boulevard, and the putting on the town has been plundered largely in all these transactions. Legal proceedings have been taken to test the validity of the Blissville road bonds. This road was 15 miles in length, and cost \$275,000. Measures have also been taken to reach the Commissioners, which will be vigorously prosecuted. Work has been begun on the Wilmansburgh and Jamaica Turnpike, under an act passed in 1873, but there is a lack of confidence in the integrity of the Commissioners having charge of the work. Owing to their inability to dispose of the bonds, labor has been suspended, leaving the road in a very bad condition. The opinion of the tax-payers is that the Board of Supervisors spanid complete this work immediately, under the general law giving them power to build roads. The work done on the lines two years than in seven years. visors should complete this work immediately, under the general law giving them power to build roads. The work done on the highways in 1872 and 1873 will cost \$20,000, and it is very evident that more work will have been done in these two years than in seven years previous, when from \$15,000 to \$20,000 was paid annually. The total town expenses for 1864 were \$11,000, and for 1871, \$85,000, and the estimate for 1873 will not exceed \$40,000, which shows great improvement in the adminis-tration of the town affairs, when the rapid increase in recognition is borne in mind.

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It is said that Mr. Lawrence is giving general satisfaction by affording an the information possible to residents concerning their taxes. The proposed rate of taxation for the coming year will be reduced 50 per cent through the influence of this reform movement and the interest taken by the people in looking after town affairs. The citizens mean that no more bonds shall be issued, and that the present michiedness of the town—about \$250,000—anall be liquidated as rapidly as possible.

THE RECENT OIL DISCOVERIES.

THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE PETROLEUM MARKET-VIEWS OF PROMINENT DEALERS.

The discovery, since Saturday, of several large oil wells in Butler County, Penn, promises to deurtle value, but which is now considered as perhaps the richest and most abundant on field yet found. Two new wells discovered since Saturday are reported as yield ing from 1,300 to 1,500 barrels daily, and severall smaller wells from 600 to 700 barrels. This has already brought the price of crude petroleum down from \$1 47 to \$1 10 per barrel on the cars at Parker's Landing, without buyers, and the probabilities are that it will fall to a much lower figure. The expense of transportation to this city is \$1 40 per barrel, or 30 cents more than the original cost of the oil according to the above quotation. The quotations of crude and refined oil on Aug. 11, for the years from 1869 to 1873, inclusive, in Pittsburgh, were as follows; 1869, crude oil, 14% cents; refined, 31% cents; 1870, crude, 92; refined, 232; 1871, crude, 12; refined, 24; 1872, crude, 92; refined, 19; 1873, crude, 4; refined, 13. In New-York for the same dates the following are the quotations: 1869, crude, 181; refined, 341; 1870, crude, 111; refined 97: 1871, crude, 14%; reflued, 27%; 1872, crude, 11%;

refined, 25%; 1873, crude, 6%; refined, 16.

A TRIBUNE reporter called, yesterday, on several prominent oil men in this city to ascertain the probable effect of the recent discoveries upon New-York dealers

Wm. A. Byers of No. 181 Pearl-st., formerly of Oil City, but now interested in the refining business here, said in substance that the reports concerning the discovery of new wells in Butler County, Penn., were probably somewhat exaggerated, although since July 28 there had been several important discoveries of oil in that region which lies between Oil City and Pittsburgh, a short dis tance back from the Allegany River. The supply of crude petroleum had in consequence been increased from 5,000 to 7,000 barrels per day, and the price had declined 75 cents per barrel. In the Parker district, crude oil on the cars, which sold at \$1.75 per barrel before July 28, was now offered at \$1 10. The total daily production was now from 32,000 to 33,000 barrels. The producers appeared to have struck the richest and largest field ever discovered, although there was no trustworthy information to show that the new wells were yielding more than 1,000 barrels per day. Two wells appeared to be yielding 1,000 barrels daily, and a number of small wells from 500 to 700 bar-The tankage facilities would probably prove un equal to the flow, as stock had been increasing for several years. Last Fallierude oil sold at Oil Creek for about \$4 50 per barrel, as against \$1 10 now; and refined oil, which then sold for 28 cents per gallon in New-York, has declined to 16 cents. The refiners' margin, now, was very small. The pipeage from the wells to the railroads was 30 cents per barrel, so that oil at the wells was selling at 80 cents per barrel. These prices would have a tendency to put down small producers, who could not compete with these figures and pay for labor. Notwithstanding the fact that the exports were from 60 to 70 per cent larger than those of any preceding year, the production would probably, he thought, exceed the demand for some time to come. Prices, in fact, were lower now than at any provious time since petroleum had been intro-duced into general nas.

satisfied that they would not keep it. Counsel also argued that they would not keep it. Counsel also argued that the manner in which these witnesses were treated would have a tendency in other cases to obstruct the administration of justice. What made the hardship all the greater on these young men was that they were not unwilling witnesses, and there never was a protense that they would not be forthcoming.

The Assistant District Atterney replied at length, citing numerous precedents to prove the authority of the Court to hold witnesses, and claiming the necessity in this case of detaining the three boys, who, as principal witnesses of the tracedy, were indispensable in the coming trial. Judge Davis said he had no doubt whatever as to the authority of the Court to hold the witnesses. The Court exercised its discretion by securing their attendance. He then denied the motion, and the court was adjourned to Aug. 26.

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The public would be gainers by the discoveries, inasmuol as the refiners would not now be forced to utilize the lighter oils to increase their profits, which always tended to encourage the production of explosive oils.

F. W. Devoe of No. 117 Fulton-st. admitted that the nominal price of crude oil at Parker's Landing yesterday was \$1 to per barre), and thought that if the present supply continued it would fail to 56 ceuts. In his view, the recent "strikes" would bring about a repetition of the experiences of 1862, when the discovery of flowing wells made the business. Since then, until recently, the supply had been obtained for the most part by pumping, and was more uniform, though less abundant, than from flowing wells. The effect of the recent discoveries would be to throw out of the market; small producers, who have done little more than pay expenses for several years, and to threw the oil business into the hands of a few capitalists, who, in time, could dictate their own prices, a state of things toward which the oil trade had been tending for a considerable time.

OCEAN PERILS AVOIDED.

THE E. M. ARNOT SPOKEN ON SUNDAY.

The distress of those who have relatives and friends on the steamer E. M. Arndt, and the general auxiety felt about her in commercial circles, are dis celled by the hopeful tidings of yesterday. On Sunday last at 4 p. m. the steamer Mans, from Rotterdam to this port, was signated from the missing vessel in latitude 41° 3' N., longitude 66° 17' W., or about 300 miles from Sandy Hook. Capt. Felberg of the E. M. Arndt went on board the Maas with a director of the Baltic Lloyds line. Capt. Felberg reported that the E. M. Arndt lost her propeller July 14, in longitude 34° W. All on board were

A TRIBUNE reporter ascertained these facts at the office of the Baltic Lleyds line at No. 40 Broadway yesterday. The Mans arrived at 7 a. m., and the giad news that the Arndt had been spoken in safety 300 miles from Sandy Hook was telegraphed from the Hook to the Company's agents, and the Maas was visited at the earliest practiable hour by a clerk, who obtained from her captain the confirmation of the dispatch. The agents stated that the passengers of the E. M. Arndt could not have been in any straits for supplies, for the vessels of this line are always furnished with provisions for 45 days. The Maas reached her dock at Harbeck Stores, Brook The Maas reached her dock at Harbeck Stores, Brooklyn, at 4:30 p. m., and Capt. Geddes told the reporter that the Arndt's captain came on board the Maas with a director of the Baltic Lloyds line, at 4 p. m., Sunday, Aug. 10, in latitude 410 3 N., longitude 590 17 W. Capt. Feiberg of the Arndt stated that the propeller was lost July 14, in longitude 34 W., but did not give the cause. All on the Arndt were well, and there were provisions on board for a fortnight. He desired and obtained butter and cheese from the stores of the Maas. The Arndt had met with head winds since her accident, but had shown fine sailing qualities, and her captain claimed that with a fair wind she could make ten knots an hour. He had received an offer from a Boston steamer to tow the Arndt into Haifax, but he was so confident of the sailing qualities of his steamer that he thought he could make New York about as soon. At the time of his coming on board the Maas, there was a dead calm, and Capt. Felberg asked Capt. Geddes if the Maas could give any assistance to the Arndt. Capt. Geddes answered that he thought he best plan would be to tow the Arndt to Staten Island, and leave the question of the price for the assistance to be settled by the two companies owning the respective steamers. To this Capt. Felberg would not agree, and insisted that Capt. Geddes should name definite terms for the service. This Capt. Geddes did not feel justified in doing, and the megotiations were broken off.

On being questioned as to the probable time of arrival of the Arndt, Capt. Geddes said it was a matter of great uncertainty, as it depended upon the winds. If the fresh south-east wind which was blowing yesterday afternoon continued, the Arndt might possibly be here to-morrow; but if she met with very bad weather she might be kept back till next week. Her agents are more sanguine, and hope for her appearance to night. Capt. Geddes thought that the Arndt had made excellent progress under sail up to Sunday against the head winds.

The Edutor of The Tribune. yn, at 4:30 p. m., and Capt. Geddes told the reporter that

THE STEAMSHIP ALABAMA.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sin: Several of the morning papers, in comnenting upon the late unfounded report regarding the under the head of "missing" steamers, we beg to state that the steamship Alabama will not be due in New-York that the steamship Alabama will not be due in New-York until the 18th inst., having sailed from Larne, Belfast, on the 4th inst. We are obliged to make this statement through your columns in order to satisfy many inquiries from those having friends on the way out as well as from passengers engaged to sail hence by that steamerson the 23d inst. Whence the report originated, or with whom and for what purpose, remains at present unsolved, and why the Alabama, out of four or five other vessels off the Irish coast at the time, should, without any evidence whatever, have been selected as the victim of this harassing rumor, is a subject of much importance to the State line, at present in its youth, and trusting to its reputation for ultimate success.

AUSTIN, BALDWIN & CO., Agents.

RAILWAY INTERESTS.

THE NORTHERN AND TEXAS PACIFIC RAILROADS. Washington, August 12.-Commissioners Thompson, Sturgis, and Ritz were to-day telegraphed by the Acting Secretary of the Interior to proceed at one to the examination of 65 miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad between Portland, Oregon, and Puget Sound. Gen. B. H. Bristow of Kentucky has resigned the Presidency of the California and Texas Railway Construc-tion Company, which is now building the Texas Pacific tion company, which is now that position by Mr. John MacManus of Reading, Pa. Gen. Bristow was, until within a year, Solicitor-General of the United States, and it is believed that in case of the promotion of either of the present Justices, he would be invited to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court. VISIT OF AMERICAN RAILWAY MANAGERS TO NOVA

SCOTIA. HALIFAX, Aug. 12 .- A number of American railway men interested in the system of through traffic on eastern lines and the Government rankays of the maratime provinces arrived here yesterday. A portion of them remain to visit the Pictou coal mines, while the

remainder have crossed over to Prince Edward's Island.

THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC ROAD TO BE FINISHED. Judge Dillon of Iowa has appointed Jesse P. Farley of Dubuque receiver to complete the unfin-ished portion of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, about 200 miles in length, running from Watab to Brainerd and from St. Paul to St. Vincent. He will be authorized to borrow \$5,000,000 on bonds for five years at not more than 10 per cent, the bonds to constitute a first lien on that portion of the road, and the lands belonging to it, which is built with their proceeds. All contracts for iron, material, construction, and other things to be used, must be approved by the Court or one of its judges. Representatives of the Amsterdam bondholders have received information by cable that funds to complete the road would be forthcoming, and in time to save the land grant, which expires on Dec. 3. They say that they have complete confidence, that the United that they have complete connected, that the United States has taken possession of the funds, which are to be properly applied. It is stated that the German bond-holders have now \$10,000,000 in bonds on the uncom-pleted road, and have no other security than the land grant and the expected completion of the road.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHICAGE AND ATLANTIC COMPANY.

Articles of association of the Chicago and Atlantic, and Pittsburgh and Baltimore and Continenta roads, under title of the Chicago and Atlantic, have been filed. The capital stock is \$7,000,000. The office is to be removed from Huntington to Chicago. The road, which is in process of construction, will be 350 miles long, and will extend from Chicago by air line to Pittaburch and Beaver Falls, by way of Mayfield, New-Lisbon, Lima, Huntington, Laporte, etc.

VIRGINIA RAILROADS. Persons who lately made application to the Virginia Courts for the removal of President Rageland of the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad and the appoint ment of a receiver, have abandoned their case, and it stands postponed indefinitely. President Huntington of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad is making a personal inspection of the proposed direct route between Rich-mond and Lynchburg.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The Chillicothe and Brunswick Railroad has been sold at public auction at the Court-house in St. Louis, at the instance of Soion Humpkrey of New-York, trustee, for the non-payment of interest. The price realized was \$0,500, Col. Rice being the purchaser for a number of New-York capitalists.

Judge Cole of Davenport, Iowa, has granted an injunction restraining the city authorities from interfering with the entrance of the Davenport and St Paul Railroad into the former city.

Five hundred tons of steel rails have just been received from Europe for the completion of the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad. Two construction trains and a large force of laborers are now employed on the work, and an additional construction train will be placed on the road this week. It is expected that both tracks will be laid and in running order by October both tracks will be laid and in running order by October 1, by which time some alterations and improvements to the draw-bridge at Pelham Bay will also be completed. It was at first proposed to begin operations with a single track, and once the road by September, but this plan has been set aside. A contract has been made by which the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is to lease the road and operate it in connection with its own lines. Thus will enable the latter company to the crease its freignting and other facilities, and will give it two entrances into the City of New-York. Loaded freight cars can be transferred from it to other lines terminating at Jersey City, Hoboken, or Long Island, thereby avoiding delay, expense, and breakage of bulk.

ESCAPE OF CONVICTS FROM SING SING. POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 12 .- Four convicts escaped from Sing Sing Prison some time last night by cutting their way through the roof. Their names are William II. Reed, Daniel Donovan, John Murphy, and HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY, AT DICKINSON'S IN PARE-BOW

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Pyth Atenue Hole.—Senator Boutwell of Massachusetta, Er-Gov. Burence of Raede Island, Judge A. de B. Hoghes of New-Orlanz, James A. Rowen of Chicage, and Timothy Paris of Boston. S. Nicholas Hole.—The Hon. Peter M. Der and the Hon. J. W. Bloss of Alabama, and Henry Pare. State Treasurer of Arkansa.

Metropoliton Hole.—The Ros. R. C. Taber of Kimira, the Hon. S. T. Hayt of Corning, N. Y. and D. D. S. Brown of Rechester.

Received House—A. J. Causait, General Manuser of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Everett House—The Rev. P. P. Lydon of Boston. Clarendon Hole.—The Rev. W. P. Lewis of Potaville, Pa... Olizy House—Sichard T. Merrick of Washington. ... Hofmann House.

Col. P. W. Latham of Texas. Bernaun's Hotel—Col., Thomas T. Hutchins of Baltimore. ... Coleman House—Judge R. B. Carnenter of Scath Carolina. ... A. Jonnes Hotel—Judge Lockrace of Georgia. ... Astor House—R. G. Hazard of Khode Island. ... New-York Hotel—Walter Shaniy of North Adams, Mass. PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The New-York tower of the East River Bridge has reached the hight of the proposed road-bed. Ellwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master of Masons, has been elected an honorary member of Rock-land Lodge, No. 723, at Nyack-on-the-Hudson.

The Quarantine Commissioners ratified yesterday the contract, already assigned to E. G. Brown, for building bulkhead and pier at the new boarding station at Clifton. The brig Fido from Hamburg arrived at

this port yesterday morning, and reported that her captain was washed overboard from the jib-boom and lost during a heavy gale on July 19. Among the passengers who arrived from Europe, pesterday, were Dan Leeson, Miss Jeffreys

Lewis, Miss Amy Crawford, and several members of the company of the New Lyceum Theater. The work of repairing the clock of Trinity Church is making rapid progress, and it is expected that by the end of the week it will have been finished. The hands will be restored, and the chimes will be again heard in the lower quarter of the city.

The rumor that the employés of G. T. & C. Morrows, wholesale boot and shoe dealers, of Nos. 41 and 43 Warren-st., were to begin a strike yesterday proved untrue. The men are said to have made no com-plaints either as to wages or hours of labor.

It is a significant fact that the part of Bridgest. in front of the nouse in which the recent aggravated case of inflammation of the stomach, which was at first reported to be cholers, occurred, contained a pool of green stagnant water, while the building itself was ex-ceedingly flithy. The Spring Valley Distillery case, in which

a verdict had been rendered in the District Court for the owner of the real estate connected with the property on the ground that he was ignorant of the fact that the dis-tillers was used for illicit purposes, came up, yesterday, before Judge Woodruff, who reversed the judgment of the court below, and ordered a new trial. The excursion of the 8th regiment, Col.

Scott commanding, to Schutzen Park, at Union Hill, N. J., yesterday, was a decided success. Sergeant Tracy of Company of received the \$150 gold medal; Sergeant Tracy of Company of received the \$150 gold medal; Sergeant Hunbenstate received the \$80 silver medal; tCapt. Murphy of Company I, the third prize, for excelling in target shooting. Gov. Parker and staff arrived at 4 p. m., and reviewed the regiment, after which they were entertained at the Castle, when speeches of congratulation were interchanged. The day closed with a ball and collation.

The Pilot Commissioners voted yesterday to request the Mayor and Common Council of Brooklyn to dredge the slip at the Wallabout, which the contractors for the removal of night soil, Frank Swift and their carts therein. Complaints were presented against Morris & Cummings who are dredging the slip at the foot of First-st. Hoboken, that instead of carrying all the dredged matter to the proper place below the Narrows, as fixed by the Pilot Commissioners, they have deposited a large part of it surreptitiously by night in the river opposite the slip. The Board passed an order for their prosecution upon the confirmation of the causes of complaint. Edward t larke, have filled by dumping the contents of

Orange Judd of The American Agriculturist has sent to the Secretary of the National Rifle Associa tion a prize to be awarded at a match to take place a the Creedmoor Range, and to be competed for by mem bers of the press. With it he sends a letter, cailing bers of the press. With it he sends a letter, calling attention to the skill in rife-shooting common in Germany, which he thinks had much influence in deciding the France-Prussian war. He thinks, also, that one secret of the power of the Confederate Army was its excellent marksmanship. He holds, therefore, that Americans cannot do better than devote a good deal of time to target-practice, while he hopes that all "sporting," tendencies will be kept out of any efforts in that direction. With a view to help in this cause he offers the prize alluded to.

Among other blocks of dwellings building in the city are the following : A row of four brick houses nd Sixth-aves., and a row of four Ohio-stone fronts, and of four brown-stone fronts, for tenements, on the west side of Eighth-ave., between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth-sts. The following are nearly finished: A row of three brown-stone fronts, and a row of six, with the first story of Ohle stone, and the remainder of brick, on the south side of West Forty-fourth-st., between Seventh and Eighth-aves.; a row of four brown-stone fronts, a row of three Ohlo-stone fronts, and a row of four, with the first story of Ohlo stone and the remainder of brick, on the north side of the same street and between the same avenues. A row of 10 brick tenement houses is also rising at the north-east corner of Lexington-ave, and Fiftieth-st.

The body of the unknown man washed ashore at Ciifton, Staten Island, on Sunday, over which the inquest by the local Coroner on Monday, resulted in the verdict "Found drowned," has been identified as that of Hugh Murray, the fireman of the steamship that vessel at Pier No. 12, North River, while fighting that vessel at Pier No. 12, North River, while fighting with her watchman, David Jones, at 11:30 p. m. on Thursday. Previous to receiving Information of the identification, Coroner Young had taken testimony which seemed to show that Murray, with two companions, had returned to the steamship infoxicated, and, attacking the watchman, had failen overboard while pursuing the latter across the ganeway plank to the pier. The finding of the body at Staten Island saving transferred jurisdiction to the Chiton Coroner, a massage was sent to him by Coroner Young yesterday, offering him the evidence and the custody of the watchman and the two companions of the decased should he desire to reopen the inquest. Should the offer be declined, the prisoners will be discharged, no testimony having been adduced against them. having been adduced against them. BROOKLYN.

Since July 1,988 unmuzzled dogs have been placed in the several pounds and 209 killed. The Control-ler received \$304 in fines.

One hundred old ladies, from the Graham Institute and Church Charity Foundation, went on a free excursion to Canarsie yesterday, under the auspices of the Fresh Air Committee.

The office of the Atlantic-ave. Railroad at East New-York, was broken into by thieves on Monday night, and a small safe containing about \$25 in money and 12 conductor's ticket punches was removed in a wagon.

The stockholders of the Brooklyn Trust Company have been asked to pay in their subscription of to per cent on or before Aug. 25. Very few of the deposi-tors have drawn their money, and quite a number of new accounts have been opened. The Board of Health, at a special meeting

held yesterday, declared the cattle stables at No. 101 Sandford-st. and No. 129 Magnolia-st. a nuisance, and ordered the removal of the animals to better quarters. Steps were also taken to have the streets of the Eighth and Twenty-second Wards better cleaned and the garbage promptly removed.

The German Schützenfest was held in Myrtle-ave. Park yesterday, and thousands of people from New-York and this city were present. The societies New-tork and this city were present. In societies, represented were the Brooklyn Schützen Corps, Capt. J. C. Haurand; the Independent Schützen Corps, Capt. William Biossield; the Gowanus Schützen Corps, and the East New Schützen Corps. A prize of \$250 was awarded to the best marksman.

On July 1 Robert Armstrong, aged 22, eloped with a Miss Mershon, aged 16, of the Eastern District, and marmed her, against the wishes of her parents, who at once began proceedings to have her divorced. On Saturday night last Armstrons, was run over by a train at the South-Side Railroad depot and killed, and hence the divorce proceedings have been rendered needless. Coroner Whitehead held an inquest on his body yes-terday. Judge Neilson of the City Court, Brooklyn

was applied to, yesterday, for a mandamus to compel Controller Schroeder to pay John Wallace, an inspector on street openings, his salary of \$75-for the month of November, 1872. The Street Commissioner issued the necessary warrant to Wallace, and it was audited by the proper person, but the Controller refused to pay it on the ground that no work had been done. The Inspector claimed that he cuid not work, owing to a delay on the part of the contractor. The Court reserved its decision. LONG ISLAND.

Long Island City.-Yesterday afternoon two men entered the office of Jones & Ketcham, coal merchants, on Central-ave., and inquired the price of coal. Receiving the desired information, the elder of the two requested to look at the coal in bulk. Mr. Jones ac two requested to look at the coal in bulk. Mr. Jones accompanied him to the yard, and on returning to the office found that the money drawer had been opered and robbed of about 50. The thief took the cash box and went in the direction of the Thirty-fourth-st. ferry. Mr. Jones followed in pursuit, but the sneak had succeeded in getting on to a boat which left the slip just as Mr. Jones arrived at the gate. The telegraph was resorted to, but the wires were out of order, and the fugitive landed on the New York side and escaped... The eighth annual excursion of the Island City Lodge, F. & A. M., will take place to-day. These excursions are regarded as the social events of the season, and many of the promisent citisons with their families attend. .. The Metropolitan Hotel, in Ferry-st., was entered by burglars at an early hour, yesterday morning, and a large quantity of wines and eigars was carried off.

JAMAICA.-A bold robbery was perpetrated on Sun-

day in a comparatively retired neighborhood is this township. Early in the morning two men, who were at first taken for negroes, but who were aftergard discovered to be white men in disgaise, called at the store of a Mrs. De Witt on the plankroad, near the old Centreville race-coarse. After passing the usual compliments of the day, and inquirities if her hosbandwas at home, to which inquiry tay received a negative answer, one of them seized her violently, and thrusting her into a chair placed a pixel to ber head, threatening her with instant death should she make an outery. While she was kept in this position by one of the rufflans, the other proceeded to rob the house of everything valuable which could be easily carried away. They then bound her securely in the chair, and made their escape with the booty secured. She immediately made an outery, which alarmed some of the neighbors, who came to her relief, but not in time to be of service in securing the robbers.

The wild does infesting the woods in the vicinity of this place continue to give a great deal of trouble. They almost anothly commit depredations upon the poultry and pigs of the farmers, and travel through the woods, especially at night, is dangerous. Scarcely a week passes in which some person is not attacked by them. Elijah Nostrand, a butcher doing business in Jamaica village, was chased by two of them yesterday while passing along Hoffman Bonievard. On Saturday one was shot in the woods near Queens, and killed. A hunting party is to be immediately erganized, who will made an attempt to exterminate the whole pack...The corner-stone of the new church building now in process of srection on Herriman-ave, for the German Lutheran Evangelical Church will be laid, to-day, with appropriate cereminate the whole pack...The corner-stone of the new church building now in process of srection on Herriman-ave, for the German Lutheran Evangelical Church will be laid, to-day, with appropriate cereminate.

The Pastor, the Rev. G. H. W. Queen, resides in Middle Villa

NEWTOWN.—The question of the enforcement of the statute against the running at large of cattle is exciting great interest throughout the town. A large number of cattle have recently been impounded, and there is a growing sentiment in favor of executing the law.

CORONA.—Six hundred dollars have been subscribe toward the purchase of a Babcock truck and extinguishers for the use of the new fire company. As only too additional will be required, the effort is likely to prove a great

WOODSIDE.—The contract for building the new school house has been awarded to Spragg, Bisbee & Jones of this place. The building will cost \$4,000.

STATEN ISLAND.

New-Brighton .- At a recent meeting of he Village Aldermen, the Clerk presented a general statement of the financial condition of the village, from which it appears that the expenses for the current fiscal year amount to \$19,025 44, of which about \$12,000 goes to account of salaries. The amount is divided among the various wards as follows: First Ward, \$3,027 40; Second Ward, \$5,833; Third Ward, \$3,850 27; Fourth Ward, \$2,336 29; Fifth Ward, \$2,100 40; Sixth Ward, \$1,920 68. \$2,536 29; Fifth Ward, \$2,100 40; Sixth Ward, \$1,920 08.

CLIPTON.—Ezekiel Taberini, the Italian saloon-keeper who left his home more than a month ago, sending a letter to his wife on the day of his disappearance declaring his intention to commit suicide by drowning himself in the Hudson River, has not since been heard from. His property has been recently sold under foreclosure of a mortgage, and his wife has given up all hope of his being yet alive. It is now believed that his pecuniary troubles induced him to commit suicide.

HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

PORT MORRIS.-The body of a woman of fine appearance, age about 30, was found on the thore between this place and North Brother shore between this pince and listand at about 7 a. m., yesterday. She had Island at about 7 a. m., yesterday, and was attired in long black hair, neatly braided, and was attired in a blue bathing dress. It is supposed that while she was bathing in the East River, early in the morning, the swell caused by some large steamer which passed, over-powered her and carried her into deep water, and that she was thus accidentally drowned. The body was removed to the hospitat on North Brother Island, and a coroner was asked to hold an inquest. NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY .- Mrs. Hugh Dougheerty is

bout to begin suit against the city to recover \$20,000 for the loss of her son, whose body was found some weeks ago in an opening of the Seventh-st. sewer.... The Board of Assessors have fixed upon the following rates for the ensuing year: City, \$1.82; county, 52 cents; State, 35 cents; total, \$2.70. This is a decrease from the rate of last year. ...James Cullen was struck by a locomotive on the Midland Rahroad on Monday night at West-End, and badly injured. He was taken to the City Hospital...A communication received by the Board of Police Cemmissioners represents that swill milk is being sold in the city. Health Inspector Cannon, to whom the matter has been referred for investigation, denies the truth of the statement... It has been decided to grant each member of the police force three days leave of absence... Thomas McCrystal, a recently discharged employé in Mayor O'Neill's lumber yard, was yesterday arrested, charged with having been implicated in the late robberles of lumber which have taken place there....John Caldwell, the colored sexton of the Barrow-st. Presbyterian Church, was yesterday arrested, charged with stealing the silver pitcher belonging to the communion service... Catherine Price, a resident of Flymouth-st., was yesterday run over by a truck on Greene-st., and seriously injured... The contrivance already in use in some of the street-cars, by which passengers place their fare in a box, is about to be adopted at the Eric ferries. Change within a reasonable amount will be furnished by the gate-keepers.

RAHWAY.—To members of the Sunday-school of the German Roman Catholic Church went on their annual. of Assessors have fixed upon the following rates for the

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Rahway.—The members of the Sunday-school of the German Roman Catholic Church went on their annual picnic to Kunkle's Grove on Monday... The work upon the extension of Milton-ave. to Rahway Port is being rapially pushed forward... The city is infested with sneak thieves, who carry on their depredations successfully notwithstanding the vigilance of the police... A large number of water-pipes are being lined with cement, at Ralph Marsh's abops, in Hamilton-st., pre-paratory to an extension of the mains... Considerable feeling exists among commuters against the action of the Pennsylvania Central Raliroad in refusing to sell yearly tickets, thus raising the commutation from \$75 annually to \$96. Strong efforts are being made to hurry forward the completion of the Rahway Raliroad, which will connect with the New-York and Long Branch Raliroad on the meadows below the city.... At a special meeting of the Common Council called recently to the consider the proposition for further appropiations to the School Fund, \$1,000 was voted for necessary repairs at the Franklin School... At a recent meeting of the Board of Education S. M. Blagter, Principal of Franklin School, was appointed teacher of music at a salary of \$150 and also principal of Normal Class at \$100. H. C. Melivane and W. B. Duryee were appointed assistants at \$50... The boundaries of the four wards constituting a district.

NewArk.—About midnight on Monday the body of an unknown man was found iying near the Pennsylvania Raliroad, near Bouth Broad-st. The man had evidently been killed on the railroad. His skall was broken in and one of his feet was badly mashed. The boury awaits identification at Mullen's undertaking establishment... Frank Brady was arrested yesterday morning for an assault on Conductor Crane of the Pennsylvania Raliroad, hear Body was arrested, when he had a strucket a blow. His fare, and when t

Officer Tunstead...James C. Smith was arrested, yesterday, for assaulting his father.

PATERSON.—On Aug. 1, the first year of the existence of the Bureau of Vital Statistics closed, the entire number of deaths having been 206, 2.4 per cent, or 24 per 1,000 of the population. The largest rate, 130 deaths, was in the Seventh Ward, and the smallest rate, 98 deaths, was in the Third Ward. The fewest deaths were in January and the largest number in July. Of 906 deaths, say, or nearly half, were of persons under five years, and 310, or more than 33 per cent, were under one year... The box fixed in the vestry of the Congregational Church to receive contributions to the sinking fund was robbed last week of \$50...

The County Board of Assessors has completed its work for the year, showing the following valuations: Paterson—First Ward, \$1,070.095; Second Ward, \$1,371,371; Third Ward, \$2,384,500; Fouth Ward, \$5,000.000; Fath Ward, \$2,384,500; Eighth Ward, \$2,000.000; total for the city, \$23,384,500; Eighth Ward, \$2,000.000; total for the city, \$23,384,500; Eighth Ward, \$2,000.000; Passaic, \$4.500,000; total townships, \$10,260,105; total Paterson and townships, \$4,505,707.

Hackensack.—Clarence R. Ralphe of The New-Jersey

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HACKENSACK.—Clarence R. Ralphe of The New-Jersey Republican went to New-York on Saturday, and after transacting the business which was his errand was lust seen on his way to catch an afternoon return train. His or creates considerable auxiety.

HOBOKEN.—The increase in the number of cases of small-pox has been so great that the hospital in Fif-teenth-st. no longer furnishes sufficient accommodations.

POLICE NOTES.

Frank McManus, age 4, of No. 243 West Twenty-serentia-st., rau a small piece of glass into his foot two weeks ago, and died yesterday. George Williams of Brooklyn was arrested by Detective Van Wagner of that city, yesterday, and held to await the action of the Grand Juny for swindling undertakers by obtaining money and flowers under false pretentes.

THE VESEY-ST. HORROR.

Ephraim Steinhardt, who shot Samuel chonlank and then himself, at No. 58 Vesey-st., n Monday, still lives and may recover from his wound. The patient grew stronger every hour, yesterday, although the surgeons did not dare to probe the wound for the bullet. Schonlank's wound was also declared to be rapidly healing by the surgeons, and before another week passes he may be attending to business. Many friends of the wounded men visited the Park Hospital during the day and asked anxiously after them. The favorable answers of the surgeons caused groat joy, especially to Steinhardt's The provocation which spurred on Steinbardt is still the subject of conjecture. Inquiry among the friends of the wounded men led to no other explanation of the origin

yesterday. Anny reactionent following reproof was desibless the motive which prompted the sot. In regard to the assertion that there had been family trouble, the relatives of both men deny that there had been any quarrel between the two families, who, on the contrary, maintain at present most friendly intercourse. Mrs. Schoniank, who would doubtless have been aware of any such difference betweence her husband and Steinhardt, asserts that she never heard of there being any animosity between the families or of any quarrel naving secured. She could not account for Steinhardt's conduct except on the ground of mainity. Mrs. Keilogg of No. 230 West Twenty-second-at., in whose house Stunhardt boarded, said, yesterday, that the assaliant had acted in a very singular manner during the past fortnight, and that she had suspected that his mind was affected. He seemed very despondent, ate very little food, and frequently put his hand to his head as if suffering from pain.

PACIFIC MAIL RUMORS. THE VALIDITY OF THE ELECTION OF FOUR DIRECT-

ORS TO BE TESTED. Statements were made in Wall-st, yesterday

o the effect that suits were about to be begun again the Pacific Mail Steamship Company by the stocknoiders to test the validity of the election of four of the present directors. It was stated that the plaintiffs were - Matthews and Henry C. Hepburn. The latter person is represented to be a broker at No. 6 Wall-st. and a resident at No. 638 Seventh-ave. He is saids to have had since the middle of May 500shares of the stock standing in his name on the books of the Pacific Mail Company. Efforts wered made to find him late yesterday afternoon, but his resi dence was closed, and his neighbors reported that be was probably out of town with his family. It is alleged, that the suits will be based upon evidence that these directors were elected upon an understanding with ex-President Stockwell that if he should cast his votes and influence in their favor, they in turn would vote in the Board to release him from all obligations to the Company. sidy was obtained from the Government will be developed on the trial, and that that portion of the testimony will be transcribed and sent to President Grant for his consideration. Capt. George H. Bradbury, President of the Company, had received no official information concerning the projected suits, and could give no news.

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